



Indiana State Representative

District 81



Dear Friends:

The short session of the legislature has begun and will continue through mid-March. I anticipate we will discuss a number of important issues, including tax restructuring, health care and various concerns related to terrorism. It will be an extremely busy period given the number of complex legislative matters that we will consider.

As we work to restructure the tax system we want to ensure that shifts in revenue are fairly distributed among individuals, homeowners, businesses and farmers. This must be accomplished not only under exceptionally difficult economic conditions but also under the watchful eye of the Indiana Supreme Court, which has mandated some fundamental and far-reaching changes in our current tax system.

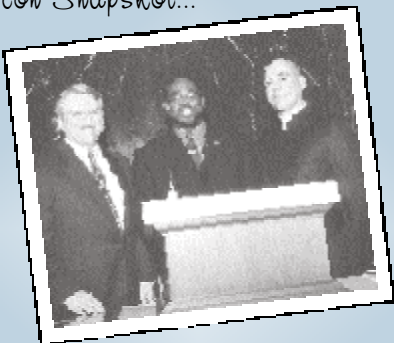
You may be wondering how Indiana moved from a budget surplus to a shortage in funds. I've tried to clarify that in the section at the bottom of this page. The chart below shows how well Hoosiers rank against other taxpayers in the country. We have been fiscally responsible in the past, and we will strive to maintain that tradition in the future.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about state government.

Sincerely,

Win Moses Jr.

Session Snapshot...



Rep. Moses in the House Chamber with Rev. Michael Latham, pastor of Renaissance Missionary Baptist Church, and Rev. Steve Rios, pastor of New Hope Worship Center. Rev. Latham was Pastor of the Day during session last year.

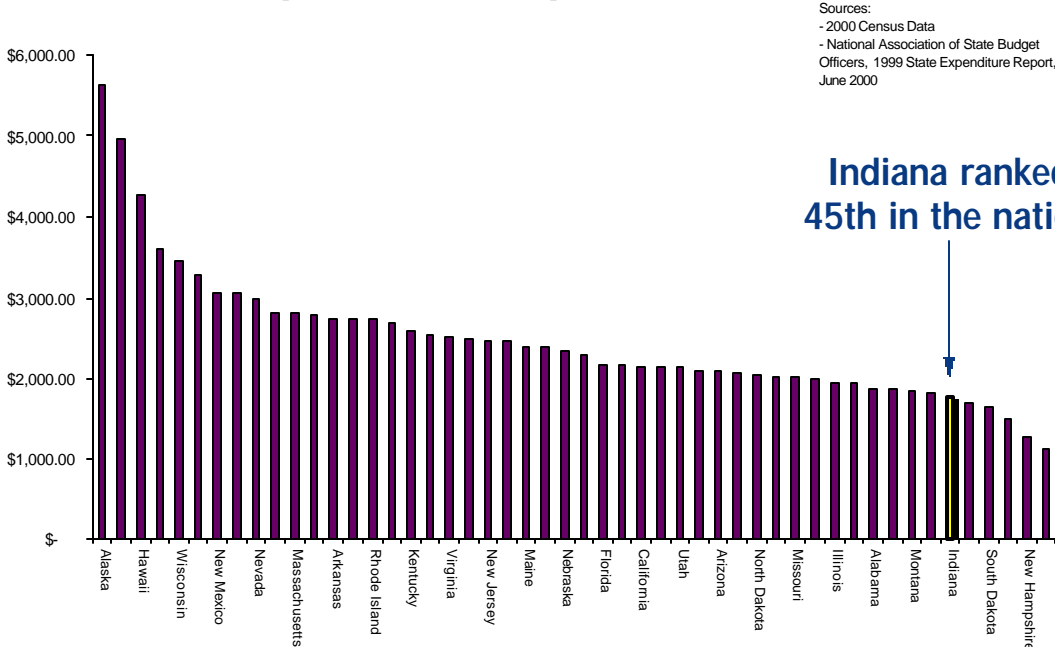
Earned Income Tax Credit could mean a refund check for your family

If you qualify, you and your family may be eligible for a tax refund from the Federal government. The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a refundable Federal tax credit for eligible working families and individuals. The EITC reduces the amount of tax you owe and it may give you a refund.

To qualify for the EITC, both the earned income and the modified adjusted gross income for 2001 must be less than \$10,710 for a taxpayer with no qualifying children, \$28,281 for a taxpayer with one qualifying child and \$31,152 for a taxpayer with more than one qualifying child. Applicants and their qualifying children must have a Social Security Number.

To see if you and your family qualify for the EITC, contact the Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-829-3676. You may also be eligible for assistance in filing your taxes from a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site. To find the closest available VITA site, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

Per Capita State Expenditures - 1999



As the above chart shows, Indiana's level of taxation is one of the lowest in the country. My colleagues and I have worked hard to make sure that our state stays fiscally prudent while still providing the services that Hoosiers need and rely on.

"Where did the surplus go?"

"Where did the surplus go?" I am frequently asked that by people in the 81st House District. It's a fair question, because it wasn't so long ago that the state of Indiana's treasury was flush and the question for lawmakers was not so much whether we were going to cut taxes, but which taxes we would cut.

Most of the surplus went back to you, in the form of tax cuts enacted by Republicans and Democrats during the past few legislative sessions. I have outlined those various tax cuts in the space to the right.

Take a moment to look at the list. Those tax cuts provide benefits for just about every group of Hoosiers, young and elderly.

On top of these cuts came the economic slow-down which gripped Indiana over the past 15 months. During the 2001 fiscal year, our rate of growth fell from 4.5 to 2.7 percent, a drop in our economy that has had a harsh impact on general fund revenues in our state budget.

As a legislator, I frequently hear from people who worry that we didn't provide enough funding for roads, education, home health care and prisons, among countless other programs. Now we have new concerns: emergency management and homeland security. Before September 11, I doubt that many of us paid much attention to those issues, but they will demand our consideration in the years ahead.

Within the framework in which we operate, I believe the Legislature has done a good job of balancing the need to fund critical state programs and return a portion of any surplus to the Indiana taxpayers who helped to create it. I am comfortable with the decisions that returned much of the surplus back to you, and I will do everything in my power to continue to make the kinds of decisions that ensure our state government runs efficiently.

Since 1996, legislators have worked to cut more than \$1.5 billion in taxes

•Increasing the Homestead Credit	\$381,000,000
•Personal Property/Inventory Tax Cut	\$323,000,000
•Welfare off of local Property Tax Rolls	\$ 68,000,000
•Property Tax Deduction	\$111,000,000
•Dependent Child Exemption	\$232,000,000
•Low Income Tax Credit	\$ 63,000,000
•Inheritance Tax Cut	\$ 59,000,000
•Renter's Reduction	\$ 22,000,000
•Repeal of State Add-back Requirement	\$174,000,000
•Income Tax Cut for Seniors	\$ 18,000,000
•Unemployment Tax Cut	\$108,000,000

Additional Funding Returned to Hoosiers

•Reduction in unfunded liability in the retired teacher pension program	\$300,000,000
•Additional funding for local roads and streets, divided among counties, cities, towns	\$300,000,000
•Cost of living adjustment in the Teachers' Retirement Fund	\$172,200,000

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Representative Moses meets with Mike Davis, IU basketball coach, and Joe Jordan, Director of the East Wayne Street Center.

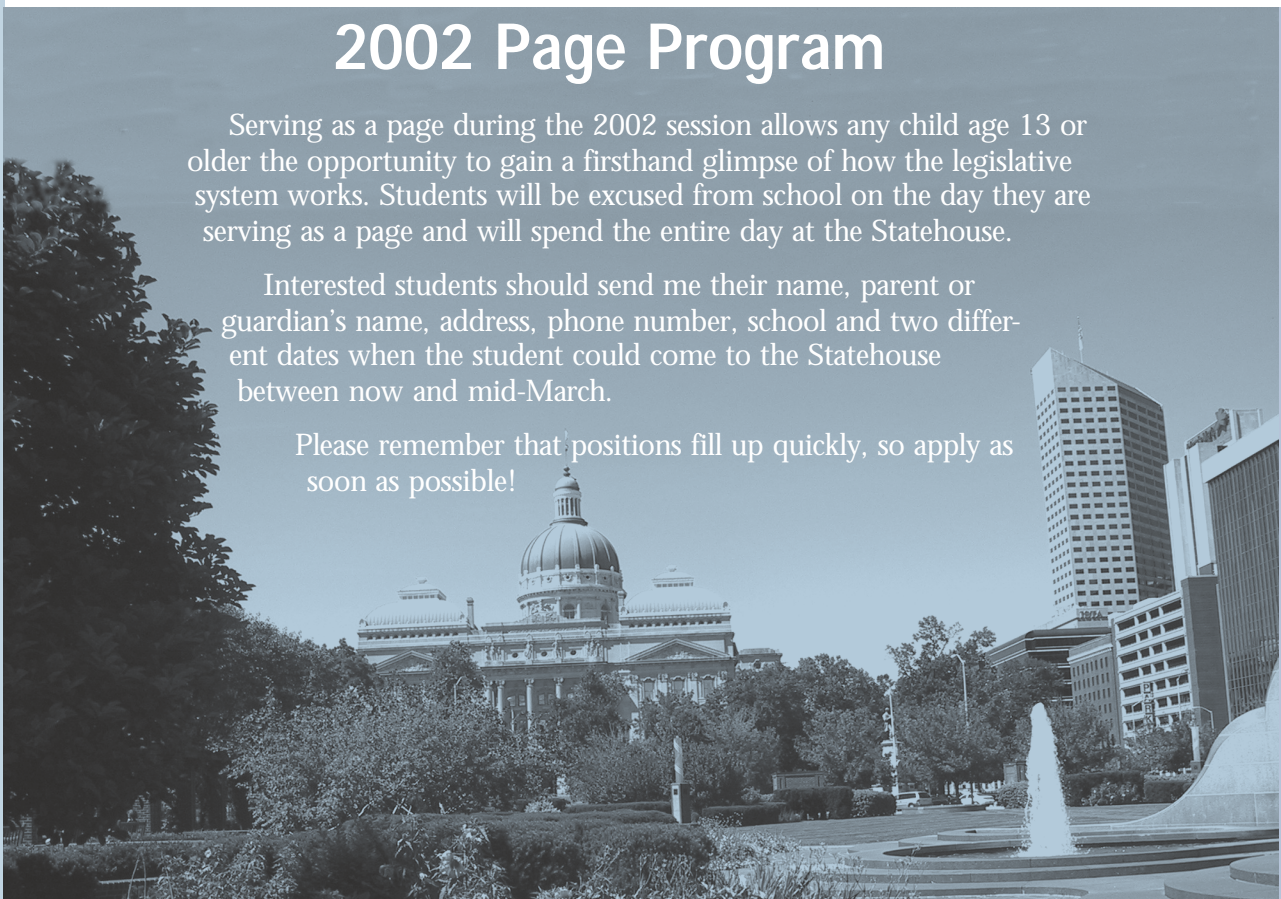
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2002 Page Program

Serving as a page during the 2002 session allows any child age 13 or older the opportunity to gain a firsthand glimpse of how the legislative system works. Students will be excused from school on the day they are serving as a page and will spend the entire day at the Statehouse.

Interested students should send me their name, parent or guardian's name, address, phone number, school and two different dates when the student could come to the Statehouse between now and mid-March.

Please remember that positions fill up quickly, so apply as soon as possible!

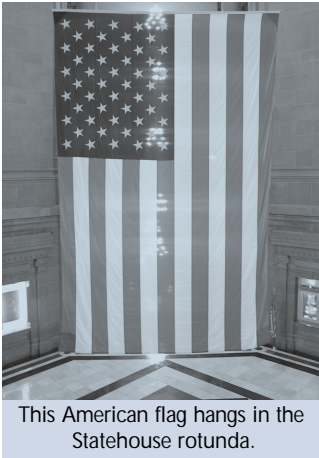


Go Guard for college education assistance

If you're interested in attending college but don't have the money to do so, the Indiana Army National Guard may be the answer. By joining the Indiana National Guard, you may receive up to 100% of your tuition paid to a state college or university (IPFW, BSU, IU, PU, IUPUI, ISU, USI, Ivy Tech, Vincennes University and other affiliates) for your first Bachelors or Associates degree. At other schools, the Tuition Assistance Program pays 75% of up to 15 credit hours of college education per year.

Students in the Army National Guard earn a monthly paycheck in addition to free tuition and other benefits, including discounted military post shopping, Space Available Travel, monthly payments from the Montgomery GI Bill and state tax benefits. For

serving one weekend per month and two weeks during the summer, a student can earn over \$7,500 during a four-year career.



This American flag hangs in the Statehouse rotunda.

The National Guard offers training in hundreds of job skills, some of which can be used toward additional free college credit. A qualifying candidate can use these skills for a position in specific National Guard Units, and earn the opportunity to become an officer in one of five commissioning programs.

Many citizens have renewed their dedication to America with the new war on terrorism. If you are seeking a means of serving your country and community as well as improving your future, the Indiana

National Guard may be for you. For more information contact your local recruiter or call 1-800-GO-GUARD.